

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)
Location – National Archives and Records Administration
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

ITEM	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable	
Opening / Introductions			
Attendees	<div> Greg Giese John Rogers AJ Mooney Chip Hillesheim John Cleveland Scott Flood Gary Pixler Alan Edmonds </div> <div> Dennis Johnson Chad Crispin Glenn Loyd Jim Dixon Vanessa Thomson James Edwards Alan Edmonds Gerald Beechum </div> <div> Fannie Woods Christine Mocks Christina Kidwell Milton Caldwell Lauren Ray Karen Gettinger Tonya Wilson </div>	N/A	
GUEST SPEAKERS			
1. <u>None</u>			
OLD BUSINESS			
1. Minutes	Minutes of 2/16/17 Meeting were approved with the following change(s): A name was corrected.	AJ Mooney	

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2. B-25 History Project	The B-25 History Project is having a reunion on Wed., April 12 th from 3pm to 6pm at the Fairfax Plant in Kansas City. 6 Aero Plz, New Century, KS 66031. Dan Desko is the POC. For more information check out their website or the face book event page: www.facebook.com/events/477203272668228	POC: Dan Desko http://b-25history.org	
3. Kansas City Veteran Career & Resource Fair	The FEBVAC still had not received any feedback or details. Karen Gettinger had received an email from Mayor Pro-tem Scott Wagner stating that they do plan to do the Resource Fair, are looking at dates, and will be contacting people after the April 4 th Elections. It's not clear about 2017 or if it will even be a later date. Karen will forward information if she learns anything additional. Chip Hillesheim will be working on behalf of the FEBVAC on the Resource Fair. Anyone is welcome to help/assist. Chip would also like data on Veteran employment numbers. The committee discussed ways to make the even better – more marketing to get the Veterans there. How do we reach out to each different Veteran demographic (underemployed, un-engaged, unemployed, etc.). The discussion focused mostly on marketing improvement efforts.		
4. Informational Inquiry – Intern Programs for Veterans	Dean Danekas (FEBVAC member) had asked for information concerning Intern programs for Veterans such as Veteran Rehabilitation. Specifically, are there any programs where Veterans can be interns at no cost to the gaining agency/organizations? Last month, a number of VA programs were discussed. Chip Hillesheim will send additional information to Greg Giese who will then distribute it. Chad Crispin (Veterans Navigator w/United Way Veteran Alliance) also discussed Veterans 2-1-1 and the database of resources via the United Way.	Chip Hillesheim / Greg Giese Chad Crispin Veterans 2-1-1: http://uwgkc.bowmansystems.com/index.php/veterans	
5. Direction of the FEBVAC a. Projects & Emphasis b. FEBVAC Meetings c. FEBVAC Guests	a. The FEBVAC used Jan/Feb to re-focus & decide what the committee should emphasize. Some key points: - Focusing on a limited number of events in addition to regular standing items (job fair, etc.). - Enhanced outreach and information flow to Federal Workers who are Veterans. (training & informational sessions or workshops, etc.). The group discussed getting		

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	<p>Federal employed Veterans information on topics such as Special Hiring Authorities, Military Time buy-back, the hiring freeze, and other topics. Different agencies also seem to have different application and interpretation of Veteran related topics as well so any information flow that can clarify Veteran topics would be good. A Government wide Veterans Day event sponsored by the KCFEB was also discussed as was FEB sponsored events around Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Town-halls for Veterans were also discussed with an example of one that was done a few years ago with Congressman Cleaver in attendance. Other ideas such as refresher “TAPS” courses were discussed with it noted that the Soldier for Life was an improvement initiative to TAPS (Brett Rosine at Ft. Leavenworth was mentioned as a good resource for this).</p> <p>b. FEBVAC Meetings, Guests/Attendees: Past Vs Present. The committee discussed meeting time usage being as efficient as possible w/the intent to not go beyond 3pm. The breakdown of meeting attendees was also discussed and not all attendees are FEBVAC members. Members, Regular attendees who are not members, & guest speakers round out the typical attendance. This will also drive future email correspondence and distribution lists (more on this under item 7).</p>		
6. Supporting United Say Veterans Alliance	In the past the FEBVAC and United Way Veterans Alliance has had joint meetings. These two organizations should continue to support one another; however, so FEBVAC does not dominate the meeting time we are changing to representatives attending each other’s meetings (an FEBVAC attendee at the UWVA meeting and vice versa). Representation instead of full joint meetings. More info on this to come.		
7. Communication - Future	The committee discussed distribution lists and email correspondence. Not all attendees are FEBVAC members so every email does not need to go to every attendee, outreach type emails should continue to go to everyone. The Hallmark job announcements will no longer be sent out as they do not have any Veteran centric hiring programs or initiatives. Other organizations or		

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	requests will be similarly “vetted” before being sent out. A website is coming and will have the agenda, minutes, etc. (see New Business).		
PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS	*As part of the FEBVAC re-focus of the last two months, some programs were added while others were dropped and many new program coordinators were nominated. Program coordinators may or may not be FEBVAC members.		
a. Crisis & Homeless	Not Present. Fannie Woods volunteered to assist with information for crisis & homeless programs. Greg Giese will help get her in touch with Sondra Robinson.	Sondra Robinson	
b. Committee Liaison	Not Present.	Jennifer King	
c. Community Outreach	Not Present.	Donna Mayfield	
d. Discounts & Events	Not Present.	Michael Ciliege	
e. Education Benefits	No update.	Vanessa Thompson	
f. Guest Speakers	Not Present.	James White	
g. Health Insurance ACA	Not Present.	Lorelei Schieferdecker	
h. Kansas City Veteran Career & Resource Fair	Resource Fair update was discussed during “Old Business” (item 3). Chip brought up the Honoring Vets News conference on Monday March 20 th at the World War I museum. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), the KCVA, and the Veterans Community Project partnered to begin free bus fares for all area Veterans. Veterans will use their KCVA issued ID to obtain a bus pass (effective April 1 st). More information is here at http://ridekc.org/news/veterans .	Chip Hillesheim	

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i. Stand Down	The stand down will be June 2 nd at St. Michaels Center. They are getting a need list together and there will be more information to come. The event will be 1 day only this year. http://kcstanddown.org	Dennis Johnson	
j. Veterans History Project	There will be a website for the Veterans History Project – More info via email to come.	Dennis Branson	
k. Women Veterans	Not Present.	McKenzie Smith	
NEW BUSINESS			
1. Website Upkeep	John Cleveland has been working w/the website. Content for inclusion, additions, or changes should be sent to John Rogers who will approve and submit for uploading.	John Cleveland – Upkeep John Rogers - Approvals	
2. Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missouri Veterans Commission has a location in Kansas City again. 1601 E. 18th St in the Jazz district. - There will be an event at the WWI Museum for the 100th anniversary of American entry into WWI. April 6th at 11am. John Cleveland will send out an email concerning the event. There is also info at https://www.theworldwar.org/april6. - There will be a Vietnam era Veteran's public pinning ceremony in Independence, Mo. More info via email to come. 		
3. Future FEBVAC Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 20, 2017 NARA. Open to the public - May 16, 2017 NARA. Open to the public - June 15, 2017 NAEA. Open to the public. 		
Other Action Items			
None.			

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